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HISTORIC DAY

This was part of the message brought by Chief Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation, on behalf of the indigenous nations and peoples of Great Turtle Island (North America), welcoming representatives of Governments, indigenous peoples and friends, to the commencement of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People.

10 December 1992 was a historic day for all indigenous people of the world. For the first time in the history of the United Nations, 20 indigenous leaders spoke directly from the podium of the United Nations General Assembly. The 20 representatives were chosen by the indigenous peoples themselves and came from all regions. The event gave indigenous leaders an opportunity to speak about the present conditions of their people, as well as about the efforts needed in the future to achieve international attention and better lives for indigenous peoples throughout the world.

HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS

Major event

The opening ceremonies held in the General Assembly Hall were a major event at United Nations Headquarters and hundreds of indigenous leaders, traditional elders, representatives of indigenous communities, youth, NGOs, press and personalities of the academic and art-world were present. The indigenous speakers and their entourage received special VIP treatment.

The plenary meeting was opened by Assembly President Stoyan Ganev (Bulgaria) and Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. Representatives of Member States made statements. The second part of the ceremonies was opened by Mr. Antoine Blanca, Coordinator for the Year and Under-Secretary General for the Centre for Human Rights, and Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations. They were followed by the 20 indigenous speakers.

The representative of Canada, introduced a resolution on the International Year of the World's Indigenous People. Other governmental speakers included representatives of Australia, Brazil, Chile, Fiji, New Zealand, Nicaragua, and Norway on behalf of the Nordic countries. On 14 December, several other Governments spoke on the item.

The Secretary-General announced that Peace Prize Winner, Ms. Rigoberta Menchu, had accep

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ted his invitation to be the Goodwill Ambassador for the International Year.

New partnership

"The International Year will be the starting point for the partnership between indigenous people and States and between indigenous people and the United Nations", Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali told the General Assembly. He also referred to the crucial role of the United Nations in promoting and protecting the human rights of indigenous people. "The adoption of a declaration on the rights of indigenous people can be another milestone in the long struggle by indigenous people for their rights", the Secretary-General stated, adding that it was no coincidence that the International Year of the World's Indigenous People was being launched on Human Rights Day. "Many indigenous people face economic and social disadvantages in the societies in which they live. They are often among the poorest, worst housed and least paid. Today, there is a welcome change at national and international levels. The Year 1993 will help to focus the United Nations system on the special situation of indigenous people and their needs in areas such as health, education, development and environment", Boutros Boutros-Ghali stated.

RIGOBERTA MENCHU, GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR

Rigoberta Menchu, the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for the International Year by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The appointment was announced at the inauguration ceremony for the Year.

As Goodwill Ambassador she will make two trips to visit indigenous areas. She also hopes to hold a satellite meeting on indigenous peoples in Guatemala prior to the World Conference on Human Rights. The satellite meeting being organized by Ms. Menchu is due to take place in May in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala. Approximately 20 representatives of indigenous peoples are expected to attend.

The Goodwill Ambassador will be a keynote speaker at the NGO Forum of the World Conference (10 to 12 June) and will speak at the Conference itself (14 to 25 June).

Rigoberta Menchu, a Quiche Woman from Guatemala, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her contribution to social justice and reconciliation between different ethnic groups. She has struggled for the rights of the indigenous people of her country, and justice and better living conditions for indigenous peoples in the world. Awarding the Nobel Prize to Rigoberta Menchu is not only to "do justice to a whole continent", it is also a recognition of all the indigenous people in the world.

Rigoberta Menchu, Goodwill Ambassador of the Year and the United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

On 17 February, Ms. Menchu was also invited to address the Commission on Human Rights at a special meeting to commemorate the International Year.

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EDITORIAL

The 1993 International Year of the World's Indigenous People was launched by the General Assembly on Human Rights Day, 10 December 1992. Throughout the world, indigenous people held celebrations.

The United Nations Organization will contribute to the raising of awareness among the public, help fund projects, and stimulate initiatives. However, it is especially up to indigenous people, non-governmental organizations and Governments to turn the Year into a vehicle of change. The International Year is a partnership: a partnership of all the forces promoting full human rights and better living conditions for all indigenous people.

This Newsletter is issued to keep indigenous people, non-governmental organizations, governmental officials and others informed about the progress of the Year. There will be several issues during 1993. We will explain what the United Nations is doing and keep you informed about the initiatives being taken by indigenous people.

A Secretariat for the International Year has been established. It includes three indigenous persons: Hjalmar Dahl, an Inuit from Greenland, Helen McLaughlin, an Aboriginal woman from Australia, and Anne-Mai Teigmo, a Sami woman from Norway. They are here to ensure participation of indigenous people in the day-to-day administration of the Year, in the spirit of the "new partnership" announced by the General Assembly. They are here to serve indigenous people in all countries.

Information about national, community and local activities taking place during the International Year is welcomed.

Centre for Human Rights The Secretariat, International Year of the World's Indigenous People, United Nations, 1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland.

On 19 July, Ms. Menchu will also address the Working Group on Indigenous Populations.

Awareness

The Goodwill Ambassador will help to raise awareness of the 300 million indigenous people living all over the world. From her extensive participation in the sessions of the United Nations Working Group for Indigenous Populations, she has many contacts with representatives of indigenous communities and knows of their aspirations and hopes.

As she stated at the Third Committeee of the United Nations General Assembly in late 1992 before the opening of the International Year: "I feel that my task is to struggle and help to open up opportunities for indigenous peoples and their representatives to freely express their demands and aspirations, their conception of the world and of life, their sense of community, their perception of history and their sense of the future."

MAJOR EVENTS

Three major events of importance to indigenous people are being organized by the United Nations during June and July 1993.

The World Conference on Human Rights—the second such conference in the UN's history—is taking place in Vienna, Austria, from 14 to 25 June 1993. Further information about the Conference can be obtained from Maarit Kohonen, World Conference on Human Rights, Centre for Human Rights. A number of NGO activities are also planned including a special forum from 10 to 12 June. (Further information about NGO activities at the World Conference can be obtained from the Ludvig Bolzmann Institute for Human Rights, Mollwaldplatz 4, A-1040 Vienna, Austria).

The third of the Technical Meetings on the International Year is being held from 14 to 16 July. This is being followed by the 11th session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, from 19 to 31 July. Both these meetings will take place at the United Nations Office in Geneva.

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A Voluntary Fund has been established to support projects specifically designed for the Year

Earth Savers, a Filipino tribal dance company

UNITED NATIONS MEETINGS ON THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR

Two meetings on the International Year have been organized by the Centre for Human Rights in Geneva.

A first meeting was held in March 1992 and a second in August 1992. Both meetings allowed indigenous peoples to talk about the projects that they considered useful. No formal conclusions were reached by the meetings but a shopping list of practical project areas was developed.

On 11 December 1992, following the inauguration of the Year, the Centre for Human Rights and the International Labour Office organised an informal meeting of UN agencies in New York. The meeting provided an opportunity for indigenous people to discuss particular concerns with each UN agency and seek ways for future cooperation.

A third Technical Meeting on the International Year is due to take place from 14-16 July in Geneva.

THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR

In December 1990, the General Assembly of the United Nations established a Voluntary Fund to support projects specifically designed for the Year. Governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector were invited to contribute to this fund.

Contributions were slow to come in; up to the month before the inauguration of the Year only US$5,500 had been deposited to the Fund. However, immediately before 10 December and on that day, a number of Governments announced contributions to the Fund. In March, the Coordinator was happy to announce that a total of about $300,000, including funds earmarked for specific projects, had been contributed or pledged and that the Secretariat joined with him in thanking all those who had contributed.

This figure still falls short of our target, and we again appeal to all governments who have not yet done

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THE INAUGURATION OF THE YEAR

At the special opening ceremony of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People there were 20 indigenous speakers:

Chief Oren Lyons
Faithkeeper of
the Onondaga Nation,
USA (North America)

Mr. Marcial Arias Garcia
President of the Kunas Unidos por Nabguana, Panama (Central America)

Venerable Bimal Bhikkhu
Chittagong Hill Tracts,
Bangladesh (Asia)

Ms. Evdokia Gaer
Secretary-General,
International League of Indigenous Nations and Ethnic Groups,
Russia (Eastern Europe)

Lars Emil Johansen
Premier, Greenland Homerule Government, Greenland (Arctic)

Mr. Poka Laenui,
President Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples (Australia/Pacific)

Mr. William A. Means
International Indian Treaty Council, (International)

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so, to contribute to this Fund which is so important to indigenous peoples.

In the meantime, applications have come in from many parts of the world, the greatest number being for small developmental type projects from communities in South America and Asia.

The Coordinator is now considering these applications and the Secretariat should be in the position to advise some groups that their submissions have been approved.

Chief Ovide Mercredi
National Chief, Assembly of First Nations, Canada (North America)

Mr. Jose Santos Millao
First Director, National Organization of the Mapuche People, Chile (South America)

Mr. Giichi Nomura, President, Ainu Association of Hokkaido,
Japan (Asia)

Ms. Lois O'Donoghue, Chairperson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, Australia (Australia/Pacific)

Mr. Moringe L. Parkipuny,
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Ms. Noeli Pocaterra Uliani
Movimiento Indio por la Identidad Nacional, Venezuela
(South America)

Mr. Tamati Reedy
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President, World Council of Indigenous Peoples, (International)

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President, Nordic Sami Council
(Western Europe)

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(North America)

Mr. Anderson Mutang Urud
Sarawak Indigenous Peoples' Alliance, Malaysia (Asia)

Mr. Davi Yanomami
Yanomami Leader,
Brazil, (South America)

Mr. Thomas Banyacya
Hopi Elder, USA (North America)

Extracts of selected speeches:

Venerable Bimal Bhikku, Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh

"We do not want to be a "museum for anthropologists" but we wish to be able to choose our style and speed of development(...)We must also learn to renounce violence. We share a planet with other societies and we must learn to live together in harmony. We are different, but not enemies. Rather we have common enemies to fight together: Ignorance, fear, hatred and violence(...)"

Venerable Bimal Bhikkhu

"For indigenous people, our children are our only hope. I therefore ask that UNICEF help to implement the rights of the children of indigenous and tribal people-especially the right to education."

"It is only by having the true situation known that we will be able to transform it. I therefore ask that the Working Group on Indigenous Populations be made a permanent part of the human rights bodies of the United Nations." ➤

Lars Emil Johansen

Lars Emil Johansen,
Premier of Greenland

"It is a prerequisite for the fulfilment of the slogan of this Year-"A New Partnership" that we all combat our own racism and instead fight for the love of the complexity of the world(...) We do not wish to break up existing nations. But we also do not wish to become assimilated into a culture, language or life style, that is not ours. We are specific peoples(...)

"The Year must emphasize our right to self-determination over our own lives with as wide a scope as possible within a united country. This requires respect for our language, our culture, our land areas and our work-skills."

"The Year must focus on our right to take part in the world economy with the resources we have and the background of the culture we represent(...)

"We want our rightful place in the new world order. We hope the U.N. Year will show the world this and focus on the resources-political, economic and commercial-that can help us to ensure that we, as the only peoples who, until now, have been neglected–receive not just a new but also a true partnership with the globe's other peoples."

Chief Oren Lyons,
Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation, USA

"Our societies are based upon great democratic principles of authority in the people and equal responsibilities of men and women." "We were instructed to be generous and share equally with our brothers and sisters so that all may be content."

"We are the generation with the responsibility to choose the path of life with a future for our children"

"Even though you are in your boat and I am in my canoe, we share the same river of life"

"We must join hands with the rest of creation, and speak of common sense, responsibility, brotherhood and peace. We must understand that the law is the Seed, and only as true partners can we survive."

Lois O'Donoghue,
Chairperson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, Australia (Australia/Pacific)

"To all our indigenous brothers and sisters who have suffered and survived the imposition of an alien culture we offer the hand of friendship and solidarity.

"To the world we offer a message–share with us a future of peace and hope based upon mutual respect and understanding. Share with us a new partnership based on equality, equal opportunity and social justice. Share with us a partnership based upon proper knowledge and understanding of each other's culture and heritage and an awareness of the forces that have shaped

Lois O'Donoghue

the indigenous experience. Share with us a partnership to care for the land which nurtures us.

"Only through self-determination can we begin to address the devastating impact on our people of dispossession and dispersal without consent or compensation."

"The International Year of the World's Indigenous People enables us to embark on a new journey of discovery–a journey that I hope will bring about an understanding of the fundamental nature of our history, and the key to a shared future in justice and equality."

Mr. Poca Laenui, President, Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples (Australia/Pacific)

..."Observations and anniversaries give us all a common time to reflect on acts and patterns of conduct and so they are indeed important as we strive for a better world.
But why must we await such special times? Isn't every moment of cruelty a crime and every act of humanity a celebration? Should we not contemplate each day and each act with equal sacredness? I hope we

will not have to wait another one hundred or five hundred years to revisit fundamental questions of cruelty and humanity.

... We are anxious to participate in many areas of work with the United Nations and we ask that necessary steps be taken to permit us the needed entry into your chambers.(...) Indigenous representatives should have permanent places within your General Assembly to raise the special concerns of indigenous peoples from the various regions of the world.

Ms. Noeli Pocaterra Uliani, Movimiento Indio por la Identidad Nacional, Venezuela

"The indigenous peoples of the Americas and the world expect that 1993, as our International Year, will not be converted into a mere folkloric festival that will defraud the new hope as has occurred with the fifth centenary which took place on the margins of the priorities of our complex problems, which during 500 years of all types of domination were relegated to the sidelines and are yet without feasible alternatives appearing based on concrete programs."

Noeli Pocaterra Uliani

... The United Nations and its member States must be attentive to the advice of the national and international specialists on the risk of the disappearance of the Orinoco, the Amazon, and Sierra de Perija, among many highly significant ecologies for the preservation of the bio-diversity and the multiplicity of indigenous civilization."

"The International Year of the World's Indigenous People will make sense to the degree that the United Nations will also be an expression of the discourse and the feeling of indigenous peoples and nations and not only of the States (..) In this sense, and specifically in the case of the Americas, Convention 169 of the ILO must be ratified by all the American States..as a demonstration of their disposition to listen to indigenous peoples, adopting the only instrument that is available in international law to date".

DIRECTORY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ORGANIZATIONS

The Secretariat of the International Year is producing an International Directory of indigenous organizations, resource centres and media networks. Non-indigenous organizations working on indigenous issues are also included.

The directory will improve communications between the U.N. system and indigenous organizations and help the indigenous organizations keep in contact with each other.

Although very helpful directories have already been produced, we believe that the planned publication will contribute to build a partnership among indigenous organizations world-wide.

Late in 1992, the Secretariat sent a questionnaire to indigenous organizations throughout the world. We have obtained many positive responses and expect to receive many more.

If your organization or community has not received the questionnaire, please write to Hjalmar Dahl at the Secretariat for a copy.

INFORMATION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS

A range of public materials concerning the International Year has been produced by the U.N. Department of Public Information in New York. The materials include a poster, brochures, and fact sheets. The materials are available in all the official languages and are being distributed through the United Nations local offices and by the International Year Secretariat in Geneva.

BROCHURES

Two explanatory brochures have been produced in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. One describes the background of the Year and the other provides information about the Voluntary Fund for the International Year of the World's Indigenous People. The Voluntary Fund was opened by the Secretary-General to support projects which are planned and implemented by indigenous people. ➤

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

On 17 February, a commemorative meeting of the International Year of the World's Indigenous People took place at the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. This was a special meeting of the Commission where Governments and indigenous non-governmental organizations had the opportunity to take the floor.

"This is the first time that the Commission on Human Rights is specifically addressing the subject of indigenous peoples with the full attention of the international community", stated Rigoberta Menchu as she addressed the Commission as a special guest.

The meeting was opened by the President of the Commission, Mr. Ennaceur. Other speakers were: the Coordinator of the International Year, Mr. Antoine Blanca, the Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, Mrs. Erica-Irene Daes, the Chairperson of the Technical Conference on the International Year, Mrs. Ligia Galvis. More than ten indigenous non-governmental organizations made statements and several Governments spoke.

Indigenous speakers represented: Ted Moses, The Grand Council of the Crees (Canada); Jose Menacue, Congress of First Peoples (Colombia); Marc Le Clair, Metis Nation (Canada); Wendy Moss, Inuit Circumpolar Conference (Alaska); Bill Simmons, International Indian Treaty Council (USA); Lazaro Pary, Indian Council of South America; Lars Anders Baer, Nordic Saami Council (Sweden); Willy Littlechild, Indigenous Member of Parliament (Canada); Moses Havini, Bougainville; Kenneth Deer, Mohawk (Canada); Juana Tupaz (Central America); Konrad Sioui, Assembly of First Nations (Canada); Jose Lirio Yangua (CONAP); (Peruvian Amazon); Jose Cabacango (Amazon) and Juan Leon Alvarado (Mayan people).

Ms. Erica-Irene A. Daes, who has been chairing the Working Group on Indigenous Populations for nearly ten years, gave a historic overview of the progress achieved during that time:

"Those years have brought great changes, not only in the attention given to indigenous peoples by the United Nations, but in the level of indigenous participation in our work. I have seen the world's indigenous movement expand from Northern Europe and the Americas to the Pacific, the Asian mainland, and Africa. The truly global scale and significance of the indigenous movement has become clear to see.

Today we celebrate the beginning of an International Year devoted to promoting the rights of indigenous peoples, and during this Year I believe we will complete the draft declaration. It will stand as an important international instrument between Member States of the United Nations and the Earth's First Nations".

Explaining her concept of "a new partnership-the theme of the International Year-Ms. Daes said:

"This means bringing an end to the racism, colonialism, and paternalism long suffered by the indigenous peoples and beginning a new era marked by participation, self-government, autonomy and self-determination.

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POSTERS

An official U.N. poster has been designed and produced by the Department of Public Information in New York. The poster is printed in colourful patterns and is available in all the official U.N. languages.

WALL CHART FOR SCHOOLS

A large wall chart about indigenous peoples for use in classrooms has been produced. The chart has a map showing where some of the world's indigenous peoples live and information about their situations.

The idea of the project is to provide teachers with an attractive and accessible resource which they can use as the basis of a student project. The Body Shop company-a chain of shops selling lotions and perfumes made from natural products-has agreed to support the International Year. The project is carried out in cooperation with the Secretariat.

STAMPS

➤ United Nations Postal Administration launched stamp cancellation under theme "Indigenous People-a new partnership".

➤ Australia will have three special issues of stamps during the Year featuring indigenous artists.

➤ Greenland Homerule will issue a special commemorative stamp for use throughout the Year.

SUCCESSFUL CULTURAL EVENT

A cultural event to launch the International Year of the World's Indigenous People took place on 10 December 1992 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The event was followed by a reception. Performers were indigenous artists from different parts of the world.

The cultural event and the reception were attended by some 700 people. The audience included United Nations Ambassadors, representatives of indigenous people and of cultural organizations, senior United Nations officials and others.

Indigenous performers included Spiderwoman Theatre; the Silver Cloud Singers and the Thunderbird Dance Company of the United States of America; Yothu Yindi–an aboriginal rock band from Australia; Mari Boine–a Sami singer from Norway; Inca Son–an Andean music group, Egon Sikevat–an Inuit drummer and singer from Greenland; and Earth Savers, a Filipino tribal dance company. Singer and songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie was Mistress of Ceremonies.

The cultural event was organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and co-sponsored by the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Other contributors included the Governments of Australia, Canada, Greenland, Norway and the Philippines.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

➤ **1 January** Maori Ngati Porou Countdown to Dawn ceremony on the sacred mountain of Hikurangi, *Aotearoa, New Zealand.*

➤ **1-8 January** International Indigenous Peoples Conference on the Sovereignty of Indigenous Peoples, Potikirua, *Aotearoa, New Zealand.*

➤ **17 January** 18th Annual Sovereignty Sunday, Iolani Palace, *Honolulu.*

Indigenous peoples demand the right to self-determination. This is not something to fear. It means nothing more than the right to rebuild their communities in dignity and partnership with Governments, with freedom of choice, and with the support of the United Nations system".

➤ **24-30 January** First Asian Indigenous Women's Conference, *Baguio City, Philippines.*

➤ General Assembly of the Federacion de Centros Shuar-Achuar held at the organization's headquarters, *Morona, Santiago.*

➤ Royal Tropical Museum *Amsterdam* exhibition "Adivasi - the other India" will run until August 1993.

FEBRUARY

➤ **3-7 February** Maori Women's Welfare League to host an International Conference for Indigenous Women, *Christchurch, New Zealand.*

➤ **6 February** Celebrations of the opening of the International Year in all the Nordic countries, Nordic Sami Peoples of Norway, Finland, Sweden and Russia; Karasjok in Norway; Jokkmokk in Sweden and Utsjoki in Finland.

➤ **12-18 February** International Spiritual Elders Conference, Manu Ariki Marae, Taumarunui, *Aotearoa, New Zealand.*

➤ **16-17 February** The Media and Indigenous Australians Conference, Brisbane, *Queensland, Australia.*

➤ **17 February** Seminar on Sami Culture, arranged by the Fenno-Ugric Department of the Helsinki University and the Department of Religious Science, Helsinki University, *Finland.*

➤ **22-28 February** International Fund-raising Television Program and Exhibition on the Development of Northern People Cultural and Trade Centre for the First Nations of the North "Siyanye Severa", tel.(011-7-095) 497-80-01, *Moscow, Russia.*

➤ **26-28 February** Fifth continental coordination meeting of the ➤

Coordinating Commission of the Continent's Indigenous Organizations and Nations (CONIC), *Carrillo Puerto, Quintana Roo, Mexico.*

MARCH

➤ **1-14 March** Orientation training course for Indian civil servants involved in development programmes for indigenous people, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ **1-17 March** Symposium for Indigenous Peoples of the Pacific Rim Countries - Te Waka Toi Council for Maori and Pacific Arts, *Aotearoa, New Zealand.*

➤ **4 March** Conference and debate, "Indigenous people and their struggle for survival", Centro Pignatelli, *Zaragoza, Spain.*

➤ **5-7 March** Annual Evaluation Assembly of the Chinantec, Mazatec and Cuicatec Regional Council (Corechimac-Fipio), *Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico.*

➤ **24-31 March** Exhibition and performing arts traditions of indigenous people, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ **26-28 March** Second Encounter of Mayan Elders and Priests, *Carrillo Puerto, Quintana Roo, Mexico.*

APRIL

➤ **3-18 April** International popular theatre exchange performances which emphasize theatre as a tool to address social justice issues, in particular with indigenous peoples. Coordinated by the Community Aid Abroad/Freedom from Hunger at the University of Western Sydney, *Australia.*

➤ **8-10 April** Second Congress of the Independent Front of Indigenous Peoples (FIPI), *Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico.*

➤ **12-19 April** Global Youth Earth Saving Summit: Indigenous peoples and youth participating for sustainable development, *Quezon City, Philippines.*

➤ **22-24 April** Teachers Conference on Indigenous Peoples-introducing the issue of indigenous peoples to the educational system. Organized by the Norwegian UN Association and SIDA, *Tarneby, Sweden.*

➤ **23-24 April** Gathering of Nations' Pow Wow University of New Mexico, Arena, *Albuquerque, N.M., USA.*

MAY

➤ World Council of Indigenous peoples: International Conference of Indigenous Peoples, *Mexico.*

➤ Second National Assembly of Indigenous Peoples and Organizations (dates & place to be announced).

➤ **1-15 May** Documentation and exhibition of human rights movements of indigenous peoples, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ **12-15 May** International Seminar: Indigenous Peoples' Human Rights in the context of the New Relationships, *Mexico* (ICHR/UNESCO/WCIP).

➤ **14-16 May** 10/10 Ticket Youth Conference, *Edmonton, Canada.*

➤ **15-17 May** Festival of Chhan mask dance and Jhunur music of tribal people, *Purulia, India.*

➤ **20 May** World Day for Cultural Development celebrations in New York with the theme "Culture, Education and Work" to be centred on indigenous peoples. Sponsored by UNESCO and the United Nations.

➤ **23-27 May** Final Walkabout Conference for Indigenous People, *Bahamas.*

➤ **28 May** International Conference on Higher Education and Indigenous People, University of British Columbia, *Vancouver, British Columbia.*

➤ **30 May-1 June** International Conference on Higher Education and Indigenous People, University of Alaska Anchorage, *Anchorage, Alaska.* (Contact Ray Bernhardt, tel. 907-474-6431)

➤ **May** (ultima) 2nd Conference on International Alliance between the World's Indigenous People from the Tropical Woods, arranged by COICA, *Iquitos, Peru.*

JUNE

➤ Commencement of Ianere Productions Show about the Iroquois vision of the world. The show is set in the hold of an ocean tanker and will tour over 2 1/2 years from June 1993 to January 1996 visiting 33 cities and 16 countries in America and Europe.

➤ Seminar on human rights and indigenous peoples, *Arequipa, Peru.*

➤ "The United Nations in Thailand: Its Goals and Actions in the Fields of Justice, Development and Environment". A three-day seminar organized in collaboration with UNAT. UNEP, ILO, UNESCO and UNICEF invited to participate, *Chiang Mai, Thailand.*

➤ **1-2 June** Exhibition and international seminar on tribal women and development, Dalhousi Hills, *Himachal Pradesh, India.*

➤ **1-3 June** Conference on the Question of Indigenous Peoples in Africa, organized by IWGIA and Centre for Development Research, *Copenhagen, Denmark.*

➤ **4-5 June** Conference entitled "The Position of Indigenous Peoples in National Constitutions", *Canberra, Australia* (Contact: Ms. Kathleen Taperell, Tel: 06-2715120).

➤ **9-12 June** Saami Festival, introducing different aspects of Saami culture during the last 20 years, *Helsinki, Finland.*

➤ **12-18 June** Conference on the Maori Cultural and Intellectual Property of Indigenous Peoples, Whakatane, *Aotearoa, New Zealand.* (Contact Marion Wood, tel. 64 4 384 2758).

➤ **15-20 June** Youth Conference organized by Sorlak, Greenland. Contact: Directory of Culture, Education and Science, P.B. 1029, 3900 Nuuk, Greenland.

➤ **14-25 June** World Conference on Human Rights, *Vienna, Austria.* Agenda item on the commemoration of the International Year.

➤ **19 June** Rehab Hope Fund "In the Spirit of Human Rights" education project, *Geneva, Switzerland.*

➤ **20-25 June** Indigenous programme of the International Congress on Circumpolar Health in *Reykjavik, Iceland.*

➤ **24-27 June** Davvi Suvva II Festival, an indigenous peoples cultural festival, organized by the Finnish and Swedish local Lapp Association in Finnish and Swedish Karesuvanto, Featuring modern and traditional artists from Saamiland, Greenland, New Zealand, Canada, Siberia and Australia, *Karesuando, Sweden.* (Contact Anna-Stina Svakko, tel. 46 0981-20371)

➤ **27 June-3 July** Qatuwas festival "People gathering together in one place". Traditional native canoe and cultural gathering hosted by the Heilsuk people of Bella Bella, *British Columbia, Canada* (Contact Frank Brown, Waglisla, BC, Canada VOT 1ZO, tel. 604 957-2354).

➤ **27 June-4 July** International Conference for the Finno-Ugrian indigenous peoples in the world, *Hantij-Mansijsk, Russia.*

➤ Rock Music Open Air Festival, Cologne Stadium (coordinated with the Human Rights Conference in Vienna). Contact: Bernhard Mogge, Native Peoples Aid, Domstr.88, *Koln 1, Germany.* tel. 49 (0) 221 137386; fax: 49(0) 221 13 84 34.

JULY

➤ **4-15 July** Aasivik '93–a cultural summer camp focusing on traditional to modern music, theatre and art, as well as political issues–will focus on the International Year of the World's Indigenous People. (Contact: tel. 009-299 2 59 83), *Sisimiut, Greenland.*

➤ **5-11 July** Second World Indigenous Youth Conference, *Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia,* NOTE: APPLY TO REGISTER NO LATER THAN 28 MAY 1993. (Contact Organising Committee, Unit 4/8 Totem Road, Coconut Grove, PO Box 40133, Casuarina, NT, Australia 0811, tel. 61-89-48 2155 fax: 61-89-85 4508).

➤ **7-11 July** Earth Spirit Festival, *Toronto, Canada.*

➤ **7-11 July** Exhibition on Bushmen in Africa, financed by NORAD, *Norway.*

➤ **14-16 July** Third Technical Meeting on the International Year of the World's Indigenous People, *Geneva, Switzerland.*

➤ **19-31 July** Meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations, *Geneva, Switzerland.*

➤ **21-24 July** Second Continental Conference of Indigenous Peoples and Nations (CONIC), Centro Ceremonial Otomi, Temoaya, Estado de Mexico.

➤ **29 July-1 August** Beaver Lake First Nation Competition Pow Wow dedicated to the "International Year of the World's Indigenous People–501 Years of Survival", Lac La Biche, *Alberta, Canada.*

➤ Society for Threatened People, *Switzerland.* Plans to link some activities of the 1993 Campaign on Indian Tribal Peoples with the Working Group on Indigenous Populations. (Contact: tel. 0041-31-809 2687/STP - 24 8555).

AUGUST

➤ **12-21 August** Ka Ho'okolokolonui Kanaka Maoli - The International Peoples' Tribunal, Hawai'i. Will take place on the islands of *Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Maui and Hawai'i* with para-tribunal land struggle demonstrations and indigenous cultural activities.

➤ **13-20 August** Indigenous Survival International, General Assembly, at *Sisimiut* in *Greenland,* hosted by Greenland.

➤ **26 August** Opening of the Swedish Saami Parliament. Inauguration by the King and Queen of Sweden, *Kiruna, Sweden.* (Contact: tel. 46 020 62 18 47).

SEPTEMBER

➤ 1993 International Month of Peace (Many Cultures/One Family), Hawaiian Performing and Fine Artists for World Peace will support the Year. This group will perform in *Europe* in July and August.

➤ **1993** Moscow Conference on the Rights of Indigenous People, Moscow, Russia. (Contact Dana Weintraub, tel. 206-728-1902).

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➤ Society for Threatened People: Switzerland. Arrangement for a delegation of Adivasi to tour Europe and Switzerland. (Contact: tel. 0041-31-809 2687/ STP- 24 8555).

➤ **1-30 September** World Gratitude Day exhibit of indigenous children's art in UN Public Lobby.

➤ **24 September-1 October** 5th World Wilderness Congress- "Wild Nature & Sustainable Living in Circumpolar Regions, *Svalbard, Norway.*

➤ **26-20 September** Circumpolar Indigenous Youth Conference, organized by the Nordic Saami Council and IWGIA, *Copenhagen, Denmark.*

➤ **28-29 September** Seminar on tribal women and development, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ **Autumn** Numerous seminars organized by the Nordic Saami Institute, *Kautokeino, Norway,* among others: "Traditional Knowledge and Self-government in Saami Education" and "Traditional Knowledge in Research and Education".

OCTOBER

➤ **1 October** Mikmaq Treaty Day. Special joint observance of the International Year by the Mikmaq Grand Council and the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia at *Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

➤ **1-15 October** Documentation and presentation of tribal visual and performing arts, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ **18 October-30 November** Aotearoa World Celebration of Indigenous Art and History, Taumata Gallery, *Auckland/Wellington, New Zealand.* (Contact:Robin Kahukiwa, tel. 64-06-364 3188).

➤ **20-21 October** Festival of mask dances and sacred music of indigenous peoples, *Calcutta, India.*

➤ **26-29 October** Nordic Scientist Symposium on Indigenous Peoples in the North–Saami-people (including Siberia) and Greenlanders–Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination and self-government, organized by Homerule of Greenland, *Copenhagen, Denmark.* (Contact: tel: +45 33 13 4224).

➤ Common Threads: an exhibit of artifacts and photographs to capture the texture of life in indigenous communities. *UN Headquarters Public Lobby,* October-December 1993.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

➤ Conference of the Pacific Asia Council of Indigenous Peoples International, Ranchi, India/Conference of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ International Symposium on Indigenous Peoples, organized by Tromso University, *Tromso, Norway.*

➤ International exhibition and colloquium on creative arts and crafts of the tribal and analogous peoples and multi-media projection of literature in the languages of the tribal and analogous peoples. To be organized by the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (Indira Gandhi Museum of Man), *New Dehli, India.*

➤ **1-2 November** International Conference on Indigenous People, Forest Conservation and Environmental Protection, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ **20-28 November** IV International Festival of Documentary Film of Amascultura. Focus on American Indians, Centro Cultural da Malaposta, *Odivelas, Portugal.*

➤ **22-26 November** XI Congress of Indigenous Inter-american People, *Managua, Nicaragua.*

➤ **23-25 November** Conference on "The prevention and treatment of drug, alcohol and solvent abuse issues in northern settlements", Yelowknife, *Northwest Territories, Canada.* (Contact Pamela C. Fralick, tel. 001-613-23 504048).

DECEMBER

➤ First Congress of Indigenous Intellectuals, *Arequipa, Peru.*

➤ World Council of Indigenous Peoples: 7th General Assembly and closing of the Year, *Guatemala.*

➤ Second Polar Night Symposium "Traditional knowledge in ecological zones: the indigenous viewpoints", Nordic Sami Institute, *Guovdageaidnu, Norway* (Contact: Dr. Ludger Muller-Wille, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, tel: 1-514-398-4960).

➤ **1-3 December** World Council of Indigenous Peoples: International Indigenous Women's Conference, *Guatemala, Guatemala.*

➤ **2-4 December** International Seminar on Forest Management, Indigenous Peoples and Environment Protection, *New Delhi, India.*

➤ **6-10 December** 7th World Council of Indigenous Peoples Congress, *Guatemala.*

➤ **11-17 December** World Indigenous Peoples' Conference: Education, *Wollongong, NSW, Australia.*

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